

Minutes
OF THE
ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
BUCKVILLE
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,
HELD WITH

Pleasant Hill Church,

Montgomery County, Ark., September 22, 1900.

Next session to be held with Shady Grove church,
Hollis postoffice, Perry county, Saturday
before the fourth Sunday
in September, 1900.

OFFICERS:

M. C. MELTON,
J. T. BLAKELY,

Moderator.
Clerk.

Proceedings.

The Buckville Baptist Association met with the Pleasant Hill Baptist church, Montgomery county, Arkansas, in its eleventh annual session, September 22, 1900.

Called to order at 10 o'clock by Bro. Shepard. Devotional exercises were led by Bro. J. A. Chitwood. Eld. M. C. Melton preached the annual introductory sermon. Text, Phil. 2:6. Followed by Eld. E. P. Chitwood.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Bro. Shepard called the body to order and read first chapter of Hebrews. Prayer was led by Bro. E. P. Chitwood.

The moderator appointed Eld. E. P. Chitwood and Bro. J. T. Ryan as a committee on credentials; and letters from the following churches were read and messengers' names enrolled, to wit:

WHITE PLAINS—W. D. Gillespie, Z. Y. Anderson.

MT. TABOR—Eld. E. P. Chitwood, Eld. M. C. Melton and J. A. Chitwood.

REFUGE—Eld. J. W. Shepard, J. P. Emery and J. T. Blakely.

CONCORD—J. Curl.

PLEASANT HOME No. 2—G. W. Thompson, W. M. Roper.

BUCKVILLE—Eld. H. H. Williamson.

PLEASANT HILL—Eld. J. G. Roy, N. L. Tedford and C. H. Chapmond.

PRAIRIE GROVE—J. T. Ryan.

GLAZIER POB—Eld. W. A. Neighbors, D. P. Fowler and J. D. Neighbors.

MACEDONIA—Eld. C. Reed.

SHADY GROVE—Eld. H. W. Melton, Eld. W. G. J. Young and Thomas Tillery.

HARVEY'S CHAPEL—W. J. Huddleston.

CEDAR GLADES—No messengers.

MARBLE—No messengers.

On motion the rules were suspended and petitionary letters were called for.

Macedonia and Shady Grove presented petitionary letters, which were read, and the churches received into the association.

The body went into the election of officers. H. C. Lackey and D. P. Fowler acted as tellers. Eld. M. C. Melton was elected moderator; J. T. Blakely, clerk, and G. W. Thompson, treasurer.

The moderator appointed the deacons of Pleasant Hill church and Bro. Ryan as a Committee on Divine Service.

A call was made for correspondents from other associations, but none received.

The moderator appointed Eld. W. A. Neighbors and Bro. J. D. Neighbors correspondents to the Saline Association.

Eld. E. P. Chitwood and Eld. J. G. Roy were appointed correspondents to the Caddo River Association.

Eld. H. W. Melton and Eld. W. G. J. Young, correspondents to the Dardanelle Association.

Eld. J. W. Shepard and Eld. E. P. Chitwood, correspondents to the Ouachita Association.

Committee on Divine Service reported as follows: Eld. E. P. Chitwood preached Saturday night; Eld. H. W. Melton preached Sunday at 9:30 o'clock a. m.; Eld. J. W. Shepard preached the annual missionary sermon Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m.; Eld. W. A. Neighbors preached Sunday at 3

o'clock p. m.; Eld. W. G. J. Young preached Sunday night; Eld. W. A. Neighbors preached at Sulphur Springs Sunday night and Monday night; Eld. J. G. Roy preached Monday at 11 o'clock a. m.; Eld. H. W. Melton preached Monday night.

On motion the body adjourned until 8 a. m., Monday, after prayer by Bro. Williamson.

MONDAY MORNING.

Called to order at 8 o'clock, by the moderator. The moderator read the 133 Psalm. Prayer by Bro. J. P. Emery. The clerk being absent, the moderator appointed Eld. J. W. Shepard, clerk *pro tem*. Roll was called.

A motion prevailed that the names of all messengers who left the association without a legal excuse or permission from the moderator, should be dropped from the roll, and not appear in the minutes.

W. T. Blakely was elected a member of the State Board. Eld. W. A. Neighbors was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, the association to defray his expenses. The moderator appointed Eld. H. W. Melton delegate to the State Convention, the association to bear his expenses. Eld. J. W. Shepard was appointed alternate delegate to State Convention.

On motion the body voted that in case the delegate to Southern Baptist Convention failed to go, the money subscribed to pay his expenses should be used for associational purposes.

Reports of committees read and adopted. (See reports.) Adjourned till 1:30 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order by the moderator. Prayer by Bro. Henry Melton. Four dollars was raised for associational missions; \$1.30 was collected for foreign missions; \$2.50 was collected for state missions; \$1 was contributed to the Orphans' Home.

The following brethren were elected members of the board for the ensuing year: G. W. Thompson, chairman, A. C. Roper and F. M. Ratliff.

On motion the body made a request that each church should elect one member to assist the board in raising funds.

On motion the clerk was instructed to have 250 copies of the minutes printed, and to distribute them in proportion to the minute fund of each church. The clerk was also instructed to keep twenty copies of the minutes and send one copy to the clerk of each church not represented.

The body voted to hold its next district meeting with Glazier Poe church, fifth Sunday in December, 1900.

The body voted to hold the next session of the association with Shady Grove church, Hollis postoffice, Perry county, Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1901.

"God Be With You," was sung, the parting hand extended, Bro. E. P. Chitwood led the closing prayer and after a few parting words by Bro. Lum Melton, the association adjourned.

M. C. MELTON, Moderator.

J. T. BLAKELY, Clerk.

Reports of Committees.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," was Christ's commission to the church. The commission reaches out from the home into all the world. Our obligations to the lost will not be fully discharged as long as any part of the world is ignorant of Christ's power and willingness to save.

H. W. MELTON,
G. W. THOMPSON,
W. G. J. YOUNG,
Committee.

HOME MISSIONS.

In consequence of greater opportunities than ever before, we believe our obligations are increased to the extent of our ability to assist in giving the Gospel to the lost in the home field as well as other parts of the earth. Therefore, we advise that our people help in this work by co-operating with the Home Board.

J. W. SHEPARD,
G. W. THOMPSON,
J. G. ROY,
Committee.

STATE MISSIONS.

We report great neglect in mission work, especially in the mountainous parts. We recommend a more earnest effort in behalf of the State Board in its work, that there may be a great ingathering of souls into the fold of God. We hope the Gospel will be preached in destitute parts.

W. A. NEIGHBORS,
J. W. SHEPARD,
J. T. RYAN,

Committee.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We report that there is great destitution in the bounds of this association. There is no question of more vital interest that can come before this body. Our Lord hath ordained that they that preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel. Therefore, we urge the pastor of each church to educate their members as to the duty they owe to their pastor and to God in the salvation of the world. Christ said, "Preach the Gospel to every creature and lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Respectfully submitted,

E. P. CHITWOOD,
J. A. CHITWOOD,
H. W. MELTON,

Committee.

ORPHANS' HOME.

Brethren, we find that the Baptist Orphans' Home at Monticello is doing a great work, for which we are glad. They have thirty-three homeless children, and the Lord hath blessed them in the conversion of those children. We urge that this association stand by this institution with our means and influence, and help it to still do greater work for the Lord and humanity.

J. W. SHEPARD,
J. G. ROY,
D. P. FOWLER,

Committee.

TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee, believe intemperance to be one of the greatest evils of the age. We are commanded to shun the very appearance of evil. We beg our people to use all reasonable means to banish this evil both in our homes and elsewhere. It not only corrupts morals but annually leads thousands to destruction.

J. G. ROY,
J. P. EMERY,
WILLIE ROPER,

Committee.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

The Bible is our rule of faith and practice and should settle all questions of doubt. We recommend the *Arkansas Baptist* as it is beneficial to every home. We recommend the literature of our convention.

W. A. NEIGHBORS,
H. C. LACKEY,

Committee.

MINUTES OF THE

DOCUMENTS.

We recommend that the next session of the association be held with Shady Grove church, Hollis, Perry county, Ark., commencing Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1901.

J. CURL,
N. L. TEDFORD,
Committee.

OBITUARIES.

We submit the following report: There has been ten deaths during the past year: Bro. Elisha Aldridge, of Refuge; Sister M. J. Savall, of Prairie Grove; Bro. Charles Watkins, Sisters Nettie Ratcliff and Elizabeth Gray, of Mt. Tabor; Bro. John Oscar Thompson, of Pleasant Home; Sister Susie Snodgrass, of Glazier Poe; Sister Addie Osborn and Tiny Webb, of White Plains.

J. P. EMERY,
J. D. NEIGHBORS,
Z. Y. ANDERSON.
Committee.

CONDOLENCE.

Whereas, It has pleased the All Wise Providence to call home quite a number of our brothers and sisters. Therefore, be it *RESOLVED*, That we extend to the bereaved ones our heartfelt sympathy. We commend them to Him that doeth all things well for comfort, believing our loss is their gain.

J. CURL,
H. C. LACKEY,
Committee.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

We find that a number of our churches have no Sunday-schools. Believing that our children should be instructed in the Scriptures, and our experience teaches us that where there is a lively Sunday-school, there you find a live church. Therefore, we advise each church to have a Sunday-school.

E. P. CHITWOOD,
J. T. BLAKELY,
J. T. RYAN,
Committee.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

The Bible says that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes, and it also teaches that God has chosen by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. We recommend that the believers see to the support of their pastor, as the Lord hath said that they that preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel.

J. A. CHITWOOD,
C. H. CHAPMOND,
J. T. BLAKELY,
Committee.

BUCKVILLE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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NOMINATIONS.

We recommend that Eld. J. W. Shepard preach the introductory sermon; Eld. E. P. Chitwood, alternate, and that Eld. H. W. Melton preach the missionary sermon; Eld. M. C. Melton, alternate.

G. W. THOMPSON,
J. CURL,
N. L. TELFORD,

Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Received for Minute Fund.....	\$13 85
" " Associational Missions.....	30 75
" " State Missions.....	3 05
" " Foreign Missions.....	2 30
" " Orphans' Home.....	1 15
Total.....	\$51 10

DAVID P. FOWLER,
JOHN. F. RYAN,
C. H. CHAPMOND,

Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received from Refuge church, Associational Missions.....	\$ 1 35
" " White Plains, " ".....	5 25
" " Pleasant Home, " ".....	3 00
" " Mt. Tabor, " ".....	10 00
" " our missionary.....	5 10
" By collection at the association.....	4 00
Cash on hand from last year.....	05
Harvey's Chapel.....	2 00
Total.....	\$30 75
Paid our missionary.....	\$30 75
" State Missions.....	3 05
" Foreign Missions.....	2 30
" Minute Fund.....	13 85

G. W. THOMPSON, Treas.

MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

Your Missionary begs leave to submit the following:

Miles traveled.....	174
Sermons preached.....	49
Churches organized.....	1
Professions witnessed.....	41
Days labored.....	28
Collected.....	\$ 5 10
Money received.....	30 75

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. MELTON.

BUCKVILLE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

PRAYER-MEETINGS.

We find that only a few churches have prayer-meetings. We urge each church to have a prayer-meeting. Prayer is the key that brings salvation to the dying sinner. Let us all pray more that sinners may come to God.

W. G. J. YOUNG,
J. D. NEIGHBORS,
W. M. ROPER,
Committee.

RESOLUTION, NO. 1.

RESOLVED, That this body extend our thanks to the moderator, clerk and treasurer, for their faithful and efficient services during session of our association.

J. W. SHEPARD

RESOLUTION, NO. 2.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the messengers are extended to the members of this church, and to the people of this vicinity for their kindness and hospitality during this session of our body.

JOHN T. RYAN.

RESOLUTION, NO. 3.

RESOLVED, That this body tender their thanks to Sister H. W. Melton and choir for the music furnished this body.

W. A. NEIGHBORS.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. B. Adams, Cedar Glades.
W. T. Ceymore, Hawes.
S. H. Jennings, Durant.
M. C. Melton, Gladstone.
H. W. Melton, Ava.
E. P. Chitwood, Joplin.
J. S. Ragsdale, Jessieville.
J. W. Shepard, Story.

H. A. Belote, Cedar Glades.
J. M. Crawford, Cedar Glades.
J. L. Lanier, Cedar Glades.
W. A. Neighbors, Hot Springs.
D. H. Smith, Akin Farm.
J. G. Roy, Sims.
W. G. J. Young, Ava.
H. H. Williamson, Buckville.

REMARKS—By noticing the Minutes you will find that a resolution passed the body, that the names of all messengers should be left out of the Minutes who left without a legal excuse, or permission from the moderator, but not knowing who had a legal excuse or permission from the moderator, I thought it best not to leave out the names of messengers who left during the session.

J. F. BLAKELY, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	By Baptism.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Present Membership.	Associational Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Minute Fund.	Sunday-Schools.	Pastor's Salary.	Days of Meeting.
Buckville....	J. L. Lanier.....	S. Hatmaker.....	Buckville....	1	2					30	\$4 25			\$1 00	1		
Cedar Glades	M. C. Melton.....	L. G. Neal.....	Cedar Glades.	1	1		1			32				70			
Concord ...	J. W. Shepard....	W. B. Robertson..	Aly.....	19	5	3				31				1 00			3rd.
Glacier Poe	W. A. Neighbors..	Wm. Williams.....	Hawes.....							32	1 00			2 00		\$40 00	1st.
Harvey's Chapel	J. S. Ragsdale....	W. J. Huddleston..	Hawes.....				1			41				1 00	1		
Marble.....	D. H. Smith.....	F. D. Cotman.....	Akin Farm....	2	1					95	10 00			1 00			
Mount Tabor	M. C. Melton.....	F. M. Ratliff.....	Gladstone....	11	2	2	2	3	4	6				2 05	1		3rd.
Macedonia...	J. M. Crawford....	J. A. Young.....	Steve.....							30				30			1st.
Prairie Grove...	E. P. Chitwood....	J. T. Ryan.....	Mabel.....	1	6	1	5	1	1	34				50			2nd.
Pleasant Hill		H. O. Lackey.....	Sims.....		1	1		1		54	1 35	90		55			4th.
Refuge.....	J. W. Shepard....	J. T. Blakely.....	Story.....	4			3	1	1	12	1 00		90	1 00	1		1st.
Shady Grove	H. W. Melton.....	Joseph Phillips...	Hollis.....							29			50	1 00			2nd.
Pleasant Home No. 2	M. C. Melton....	J. F. Hill.....	Buckville....	6	8				1	45	5 25	1 00	3 00	75		20 00	3rd.
White Plains	M. C. Melton.....	J. M. Bradley.....	Buckville....				2		2					1 00		16 65	3rd.
Total				48	26	7	14	6	9	567	\$22 85	\$1 90	\$4 10	\$13 85	4	\$76 65	